

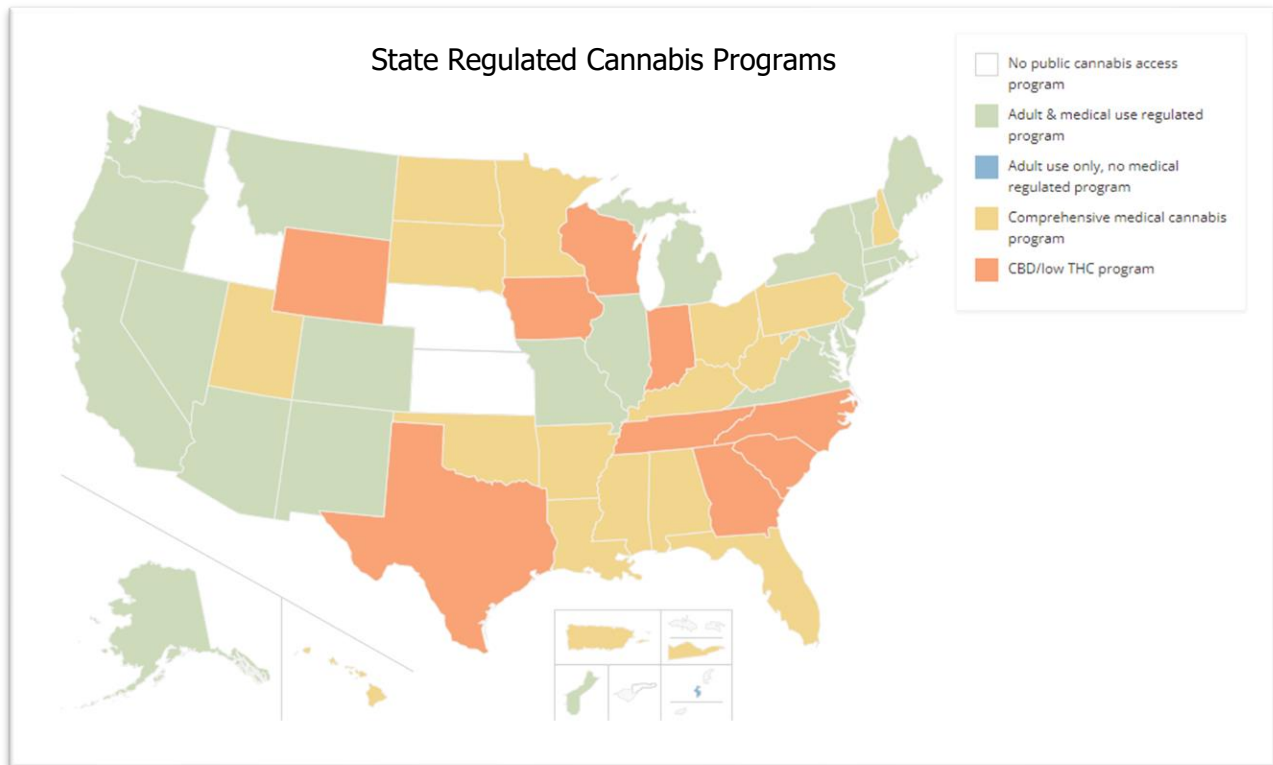


Medical Cannabis Establishment Licensing and Patient Fees

States that Regulate Medical Use Only | June 9, 2023

Summary

As of April 24, 2023, 38 states and the District of Columbia allow the use of medical cannabis products. Of these, 16 states regulate cannabis for medical use only and are considered by the [National Conference of State Legislatures](#) to operate Comprehensive Medical Cannabis Programs*. This document provides an overview of cannabis establishment licensing fees and patient fees across the 16 states that regulate cannabis for medical use only.



Source: [State Medical Cannabis Laws](#), NCSL, June, 2023.

*Comprehensive Medical Cannabis Programs:

- Include protections from criminal penalties for using cannabis for a medical purpose;
- Provide access to cannabis through home cultivation, dispensaries or some other system that is likely to be implemented;
- Allow a variety of strains or products, including those with more than "low THC;"
- Allow either smoking or vaporization of some kind of cannabis products, plant material or extract; and
- Are not a limited trial program (e.g., Nebraska has a trial program that is not open to the public).



State	Establishment Licensing	Patient Fee
AL	Cultivator license - \$40,000 Processor license - \$40,000 Secure transporters license - \$30,000 Dispensary - \$40,000 Integrated facility - \$50,000 State Testing Laboratory - \$40,000 All licenses: Application fee - \$2,500	\$50 - physical card \$40 - virtual card
AR	Cultivation Application - \$15,000 Initial license - \$100,000 Renewal license - \$100,000 Dispensary Application - \$7,500 Initial license - \$15,000 Renewal license - \$22,500 Processor Application - \$5,000 Initial license - \$5,000 Renewal license - \$5,000	\$50
FL	Medical Marijuana Treatment Centers (vertically integrated license) Application fee* - \$60,830 <p>*Appears to have increased to \$146,000 according to a Department of Health Emergency Rule published on 12/19/22</p> <p>Renewal fee is calculated by taking the amount of money it spent regulating the industry over the previous two fiscal years and subtracting from that the amount it collected in application fees. That sum will then be divided by the number of medical marijuana treatment centers licensed.</p> <p>It appears the license renewal cost is estimated at about \$1.3 million.</p>	\$75
HI	Dispensary Application - \$5,000 License - \$75,000 License renewal - \$50,000 Laboratory - Annual Certification - \$3,000	\$38.50 - 1-year registration \$77.00 - 2-year registration
KY	Cultivator - ranges from \$5,000 to \$50,000 (Tiered system) Dispensary - \$10,000 Processor - \$20,000 Producer - \$75,000 Safety compliance facility - \$2,500 License Renewal: \$500 to \$4,000 plus between 1% - 2% of all gross receipts depending on amount of revenue in previous calendar year	TBD – Medical cannabis program created by SB 47 (2023) - will launch by 2025



State	Establishment Licensing	Patient Fee
LA	Integrated Production License (cultivation, extraction, processing, production, and transportation) Application - \$10,000 License fee - \$100,000	No fee
	Pharmacy Application - \$750 Satellite pharmacy - \$525	
MN	Manufacturer Application - \$10,000 Initial license - \$10,000 Renewal license - \$20,000	\$200 \$50 for low-income patients
	Cultivator Application - \$10,000 Initial license - \$20,000 Renewal license - \$30,000	
	Retailer Application - \$2,500 Initial license - \$2,500 Renewal license - \$5,000	
MS	Dispensary First year license - \$40,000 (\$15,000 application; \$25,000 license) Renewal license - \$25,000	\$25 \$15 for Medicaid recipients
	Cultivator - Tiered fee system Application fee range from \$1,500 - \$60,000 License fee range from \$2,000 - \$150,000	
	Processor - Tiered fee system Application fee range from \$2,000 - \$15,000 License fee range from \$3,500 - \$20,000	
	Research License/Testing License Application - \$10,000 License - \$15,000	
	Transportation License/Disposal License Application - \$5,000 License - \$7,500	
NH	Alternative Treatment Center Application - \$3,000 Selection fee - \$20,000 Annual fee - a percentage of the expenses related to the administration of the program split among the Alternative Treatment Centers	\$50



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ND*	Manufacturing facility** - \$75,000 Dispensary - \$60,000 Production only - \$40,000 Processor only - \$20,000 *Amounts represent a pending rule change following passage of SB 2201 (2023) **The department shall collect an additional certification fee of five thousand dollars for every five hundred plants in excess of one thousand plants a manufacturing facility possesses.	\$25.00
OH	Cultivator - Level I Application - \$20,000 Initial license - \$180,000 License renewal - \$200,000 Cultivator - Level II Application - \$2,000 Initial license - \$18,000 License renewal - \$20,000 Processor Application - \$10,000 Certificate of operation - \$90,000 License renewal - \$100,000 Testing Laboratory Application - \$2,000 Certificate of operation - \$18,000 License renewal - \$20,000 Dispensary Application - \$5,000 Certificate of operation - \$70,000 License renewal (biennial) - \$70,000	\$50.00
OK	Growers (Tiered system) \$2,500 - \$50,000 depending on size of operation Processors (Tiered system) \$2,500 - \$20,000 depending on production volume Dispensary 10% of the sum of the combined annual state sales tax and state excise tax of the dispensary during the previous 12 months (\$2,500 minimum/\$10,000 maximum)	\$100 \$20 for low-income patients



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PA	Grower/Processor Application - \$10,000 Permit - \$200,000	\$50 Fee reduction available for low- income patients
	Dispensary Application - \$5,000 Permit - \$30,000	
	Testing Laboratory Cost not publicized	
SD	Medical Cannabis Establishment (cultivator, manufacturer, dispensary, and testing) State Registration - \$5,000	\$75 \$20 for low-income patients
	Establishment fees determined by local government - "may charge a reasonable fee for the local license, permit, or registration."	
	Local Government Example - Sioux Falls: Dispensary Application - \$25,000 License - \$50,000 Testing Facility Application - \$1,500 License - \$5,000	
UT	Cultivator Application - \$2,500 License - \$100,000	\$15
	Processor – Tier 1 Application - \$1,250 License - \$100,000	
	Processor – Tier 2 Application - \$1,250 License - \$35,000	
	Laboratory Application - \$500 License - \$15,000	
	Research License - \$2,500	
	Pharmacy Application - \$2,500 License (Urban) - \$67,000* License (Rural) - \$50,000*	
	*+\$2,500 for Home Delivery	



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WV	Growers Application - \$5,000 Permit - \$50,000 Renewal - \$5,000 Processors Application - \$5,000 Permit - \$50,000 Renewal - \$5,000 Dispensary Application - \$2,500 Permit - \$10,000 Renewal - \$2,500	\$50 Fee waiver available for low- income patients

State Specific Licensing Fee References (accessed between 6/1/23 – 6/8/23)

Alabama - <https://amcc.alabama.gov/cannabis-business-applicants/>

Arkansas - https://www.dfa.arkansas.gov/images/uploads/medicalMarijuanaCommission/Completed_CDP_licensingRules.pdf

Florida - <https://www.flrules.org/gateway/RuleNo.asp?id=64ER22-9>

<https://palmbeach.floridaweekly.com/articles/state-sets-stage-for-more-marijuana-licenses/>

Hawaii - <https://health.hawaii.gov/medicalcannabis/files/2022/02/chapter-11-850-HAR-interim-rules-effective-February-24-2022.pdf>

Kentucky - https://apps.legislature.ky.gov/recorddocuments/bill/22RS/hb582/orig_bill.pdf

Louisiana - <https://www.legis.la.gov/Legis/Law.aspx?d=96986>

Minnesota - <https://cannabis.state.mn.us/business.html>

Mississippi - <https://casetext.com/statute/mississippi-code-1972/title-41-public-health/chapter-137-mississippi-medical-cannabis-act/section-41-137-35-licensing-of-medical-cannabis-establishments>

New Hampshire - https://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/rules/state_agencies/he-c400.html

North Dakota -

<https://www.hhs.nd.gov/sites/www/files/documents/DOH%20Legacy/MM/Written%20Notice%20and%20Proposed%20Changes%20to%20NDAC%20Chapter%2033-44-01.pdf>

Ohio -

<https://medicalmarijuana.ohio.gov/FAQs?Category=CULTIVATING%2C%20PROCESSING%20AND%20TESTING>

Oklahoma - <https://oklahoma.gov/omma/businesses/tiered-licensing.html>

Pennsylvania - <https://www.health.pa.gov/topics/programs/Medical%20Marijuana/Pages/Growers-Processors.aspx>

South Dakota - <https://sdlegislature.gov/Rules/Administrative/44:90>

Utah - <https://le.utah.gov/interim/2022/pdf/00002933.pdf>

West Virginia - <https://www.wvlegislature.gov/wvcode/code.cfm?chap=16A&art=6>